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Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Building Your Collection One Title at a Time

It has never been easy to build a solid, well-rounded library collection; one that meets the various recreational and informational needs of everyone in the community. With all the technological innovations taking place in society this may be the best of times and the worst of times for librarians involved in acquisitions.

Technology is not only changing how librarians learn of new titles and how they select and purchase materials. It is also changing patron demand-they want more access to reading material that can be read in print and/or online. And finally the sheer volume of titles being published annually is staggering. According to a recent Bowker report 304,912 titles were published in 2013.

Below are some book selection resources which may be helpful as you create your library's collection.

Selection Resources

[Booklist Online](#)-“More than 160,000 book reviews for librarians, book groups, and book lovers-from the trusted experts at the American Library Association.”

[Choice](#): Current Reviews for Academic Libraries

[The Horn Book](#)-“Promoting good books for children and young adults is the heart of The Horn Book’s editorial mission.”

[Kirkus Reviews](#)-“Kirkus Reviews magazine gives industry professionals a sneak peek at the most notable books being published weeks before they are released.”

[Library Journal](#)-Previews of upcoming titles and essential collection development and reader’s advisory resources.

[New York Times Sunday Book Review](#)- Contains some of the best book reviews ever written.

[Novelist](#)-A comprehensive reader’s advisory resource available to librarians in Alaska through the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED)

[Publishers Weekly](#)-Known as the “bible of the book” business and offers feature articles and news on all aspects of the book business, including bestsellers lists in a number of categories.

“Best of” Books

[PublishersLunch Bookateria](#)-Access numerous book awards, best seller picks and “best of” lists from the top navigation bar.

Webinars

[Booklist Webinars](#)-Listen to experts discuss upcoming titles in various genres. Upcoming webinars will be discussing mysteries, romance and multicultural titles for children.

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

After Disasters: Salvage and Recovery in Small to Mid-Sized Museums and Libraries

Fri, May 1, 2015 11:00am

Love is in the Air

Tue, May 5, 2015 11:00am

Super Heroes Summer Reading Demo

Tue, May 5, 2015 4:00pm

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For all of the upcoming events & webinars visit [Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

Webinar Picks

- ◆ [10 Tips for Measuring Programs Through Data](#)
- ◆ [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat-Easy Website Design](#)
- ◆ [Customizing Word](#)
- ◆ [Beyond Books Groups: Fun Library Programs for Adult Readers](#)